House District 26

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Crestwood High School, Mountaintop, Pennsylvania, 1974; Pennsylvania State University, 1976, Associate in Engineering.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Alaska chair of Libertarian Party, 1993-2001; party treasurer, 2001-2003; party secretary, 2003 to present.

STATEMENT:

I present myself for your consideration because Alaska needs and deserves more individuals like me, who will work to make government live within its means, as you and I must, without added taxes and without raiding the Permanent Fund. I will never vote to raise your taxes.

The governor's "B" budget, as presented to the "gang of 55" this year in order to scare them into supporting new taxes, was to me a good first step to reduce government to the size that would satisfy a Libertarian. I could not find a part of it that scared me at all. The PDF file of the governor's budget presentation, by the way, is available through my campaign web site; I encourage you to read it. I will work for a budget process that seriously looks at what the government should be doing, with the aim to privatize as many functions as possible, to consolidate government departments and offices as much as possible, and to encourage individual responsibility.

My mission as representative (and as a Libertarian) will be to repeal laws, but I would add a few: (1) I would prohibit any state-financed facility, park, road or trail from bearing the name of a living individual; (2) I would educate Alaskans about their right as jurors in a criminal trial to judge law as well as fact; (3) I would work for a constitutional amendment conveying subsurface rights from the government to owners of the surface land.

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